

Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study





Meeting Of Stakeholders, Executive Committee, Planning Team Martinsville, Virginia March 7, 2007





U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District

Specifically Authorized Project Purposes

- Flood Damage Reduction
- Hydropower

Other Project Purpose

- Recreation
- Water Supply
- Fish and Wildlife
- Low Flow Releases





Public Law (PL) 91-611 River and Harbor and Flood Control Act of 1970

"The Secretary of the Army, acting through the Chief of Engineers, is authorized to <u>review the operation</u> of projects the <u>construction</u> of which has been <u>completed</u> and which were constructed <u>by the Corps of Engineers</u> in the interest of navigation, flood control (flood damage reduction), water supply, and related purposes, when found advisable due to significantly <u>changed physical or economic conditions</u>, and to report, thereon to Congress with recommendations on the advisability of <u>modifying the structures or their operations</u>, and for <u>improving the environment</u> in the <u>overall public interest</u>."



What have we done so far?

Reconnaissance Phase



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Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Reconnaissance Study Initial Public Scoping Letter December 8, 2003

- Sent Scoping letter to 214 individuals, organizations and agencies
- 28 letters of comment were received
- > 145 comments were identified
- Comments placed into 18 pre-determined categories
- > These 18 Categories were combined to form 5 Study Focus Areas
 - ✓ Shoreline Management and Erosion
 - ✓ Natural and Recreation Resources
 - ✓ Operating Policies and Administrative Procedures
 - ✓ Water Quality
 - ✓ Water Supply
 - ✓ <u>Aesthetics</u>



Approval of participation in this feasibility study by the US Army Corps of Engineers, Wilmington District, was based on the report entitled:

905(b) Reconnaissance Report, Philpott Dam and Lake, Virginia, (Section 216) Study, Smith River

- ✓ Dated August 2004
- ✓ Approved 7 January 2005.



Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study What is a Cost Shared Feasibility Study? Who is the Cost Sharing Partner?

Section 105 of the Water Resources Development Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-662 requires that feasibility studies undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineer be cost shared with a non-Federal Sponsor. The cost share percentage for this study is 50% federal and 50% non-Federal. The cost sharing partners for this study are:

Commonwealth of Virginia

U.S Army Corps of Engineers Wilmington District





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Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement

USACE – Wilmington prepared a Project Management Plan (PMP) and Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement (FCSA) which were coordinated with the Commonwealth of Virginia.

- ✓ FCSA executed Sep 2006
- ✓ Feasibility Phase Initiated October 2006





Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement Requirements for an Executive Committee

To provide consistent and effective communication, the Sponsor and the Government shall appoint senior representatives to an Executive Committee. Thereafter the Executive Committee shall meet regularly until the end of the Study Period.

Until the end of the Study Period, the Executive Committee shall generally oversee the Study consistently with the PMP.

Executive Committee Members

Commonwealth of Virginia

Jeff Corbin Assistant Secretary Office of the Secretary of Natural Resources

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Christine M. Brayman
Deputy District Engineer for
Programs and Project
Management





Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Study What Guides the Philpott 216 Study?

Project Management Plan November 2006

A Project Management Plan (PMP) guides conduct of this study. The PMP is a changing document, updated as the study progresses.

\checkmark	Draft PMP Completed	Jul 2005
\checkmark	PMP Coordinated With Sponsor	Oct 2006
\checkmark	PMP Approved By Sponsor/USACE and Finalized	Nov 2006
√	Stakeholders Provided Copy of PMP	Feb 2007



Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Day to Day Study Management and Oversight

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Project Manager

Ben Lane

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U.S Army Corps of Engineers
Wilmington District

Commonwealth of Virginia
Department of Game and Inland Fisheries





Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Characteristics of this Section 216 Study

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- Comprehensive watershed approach. Benefits from and impacts on all resources will be considered. Focus on operation of and flow releases from the completed Philpott Lake project.
- ✓ Will consider problems and opportunities which can be addressed by making changes to project structures or operations.
- ✓ Address the concerns of the study sponsor, resource agencies, and all of the stakeholders.
- ✓ Not a basin study. Focus on and limited to problems and opportunities in connection with the operation of and flow releases from the completed Philpott Lake project. Will not consider all water resource problems and opportunities throughout the river basin.





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Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Cost Share Partners' Critical Decision Points for the Three Stage Study Approach

ATTACHMENT 4

THREE STAGE STUDY APPROACH

Corps Requirements: PMP and FCSA must identify full cost of feasibility study

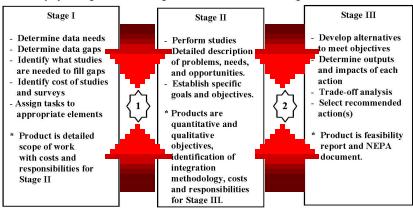
FCSA must identify allocation of costs for each partner

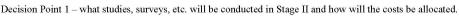
Sponsor Requirements: PMP should be structured to be useful to project sponsor and beneficiaries.

PMP should identify stakeholder contributions

PMP should address tasks, methods, costs, and responsible parties

Actions: Project Management Plan will be structured to identify a 3-Stage approach, identify Subject Matter Specialists for Stage I activities, and costs for each project Stage. The three Stages are described in the following table.







Decision Point 2 – what objectives will be addressed in Stage III and how will costs be allocated.



Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Stage I Study Outputs

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Purpose of Stage I

- Determine Data Requirements for Study
 - ✓ Determine data gaps
 - ✓ Identify what studies are needed to fill gaps
 - ✓ Identify cost of studies and surveys
 - ✓ Assign tasks to appropriate elements

Products of Stage I

- Detailed scope of work for Stage II effort
- Estimated costs for Stage II effort
- Recommended Method of Accomplishment for Stage II effort





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Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Stage II Outputs

Purpose of Stage II

- Perform required studies
- Establish specific goals and objectives

Products of Stage II

- Quantitative and qualitative objectives for Stage III Effort
- Identification of integration methodology for Stage III Effort
- Estimate costs for Stage III effort
- Establish responsibilities for Stage III.





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Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Stage III Outputs

Purpose of Stage III

- Develop alternatives that meet objectives
- Determine outputs and impacts of each action
- > Trade-off analysis
- Select recommended action(s)

Products of Stage III

Product is feasibility report and NEPA document.





Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study
Phase III Study Flow Chart
Integrated Principles and Guidelines (P&G) &
National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Planning Process

INTEGRATED PLANNING PROCESS

P&G **NEPA** IDENTIFY PROBLEMS, NEEDS, & OPPORTUNITIES **IDENTIFY PURPOSE AND NEED INVENTORY & FORECAST CONDITIONS DESCRIBE AFFECTED ENVIRONMENT** FORMULATE ALTERNATIVE PLANS **DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE PLANS** (Including Proposed and No Action) **EVALUATE ALL REASONABLE ALTERNATIVES** DETERMINE ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES COMPARE REMAINING ALTERNATIVE PLANS **COMPARE ALTERNATIVE PLANS** (Including Proposed and No Action) SELECT PLAN **IDENTIFY PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE**









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Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Study Schedule

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<u>Task</u>	Estimated Schedule	<u>Status</u>
Complete reconnaissance report 905(b)	Sep 2004	Complete
Complete reconnaissance phase – FCSA executed	Sep 2006	Complete
Begin phase I of feasibility phase	Oct 2006	Complete
Project Management Plan (PMP) completed	Nov 2006	Complete
Technical work groups formed/Team leaders assigned	Mar 2007	Complete
Complete phase I-Work groups complete scopes of work	Feb 2008	
Complete phase II-Data collection, studies, modeling	Feb 2009	
Select recommended plan	Dec 2009	
Complete draft feasibility report and NEPA documents	Jun 2010	
Complete NEPA coordination and processing	Oct 2010	
Complete final feasibility report and submit to Division	Dec 2010	
Feasibility report approved by Division	Jan 2011	
Washington level comments, reviews and approval		
Report Recommendations Submitted to Congress		





US Army Corps Philpott Lake, VA (Section 216) of Engineers Wilmington District Reconnaissance Study



Reconnaissance phase cost \$138,000 - all Federal cost

Recon phase completed and FCSA executed September 2006









		Federal <u>Budget</u>	Congressional Appropriations
•	FY 2003	0	\$ 17,000
•	FY 2004	0	67,000
•	FY 2005	0	40,000
•	FY 2006	0	99,000
•	FY 2007	<u>0</u>	<u>115,000</u>
	TOTAL	0	\$ 338,000

- Study never in the Federal budget. Funded to date by Congressional adds.
- The feasibility phase started in October 2006.



Philpott Lake, VA (Section 216) Feasibility Study Cost Estimate



The feasibility phase started in October 2006

		Estimated		
		Cost	<u>Federal</u>	<u>Nonfederal</u>
•	Phase 1	\$ 400,000	200,000	200,000
•	Phase 2	1,000,000	500,000	500,000
•	Phase 3	750,000	375,000	375,000
•	Contingency	350,000	175,000	175,000
•	TOTAL	\$ 2,500,000	\$1,250,000	\$1,250,000

- Sponsor's share can be cash or work-in-kind credit.
- ❖ Federal and nonfederal cost share of \$300,000 to \$400,000 each per year for several years is required to complete the study.

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Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Team Status

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Team Status

7 March 2007

Natural and Recreation Resources Basic* Team In Place

Operating Policies and Administrative Procedures Combined with John H. Kerr

Water Quality Need to Establish Team

Water Supply Need to Establish Team

Aesthetics Deferred Until Stage III

Shoreline Management and Erosion Deferred Until Stage III

* Additional stakeholders interested in this area of study are welcomed





Philpott Lake, Virginia (Section 216) Feasibility Study Work Group Selection Process

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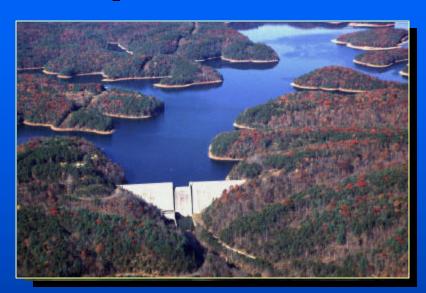
- ✓ Describe the Work Group's Function
- ✓ Describe the Desired Skills Necessary for Work Group Participation
- ✓ Solicit Volunteers
- ✓ Cost Share Partners Recommend Members for Work Groups
- ✓ Submit Proposed Work Groups to Executive Committee for Approval
- ✓ Work Groups Begin Consideration of Tasks Outlined in the PMP



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Philpott 216 - A Collaborative Effort





- Public, Agency & Regional Involvement
 - Public Involvement is a Required Element of the Philpott 216
 - Multiple Interests, Opportunities, and Needs
 - Coordination with Federal, State and Local Partners and Interests
 - Multi-step Process
 - Need for Innovation Project Web Site etc.
- Independent Technical Review and External Peer Review Teams

1st Task – Agency/Partner Coordination

- Develop Project Principles
- Generate Options

2nd Task – Agency/Partner Coordination

- Review Public Input
- Provide Preferred Options



Planning Team

- Refine Input
- Develop Alternative Measures
 - Assess Feasibility





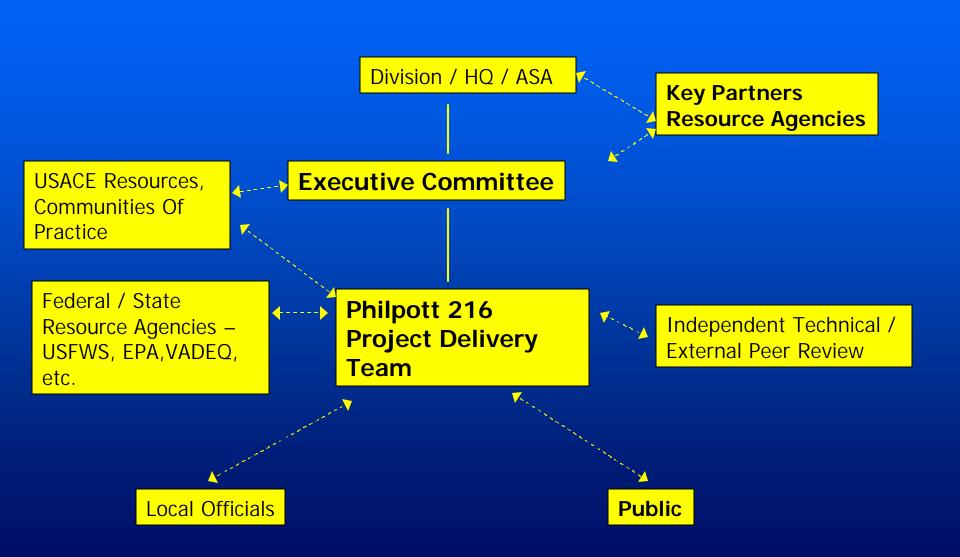
1st Task - Public Involvement

- •React to Options and Principles
- Generate New Options

2nd Task - Public Involvement

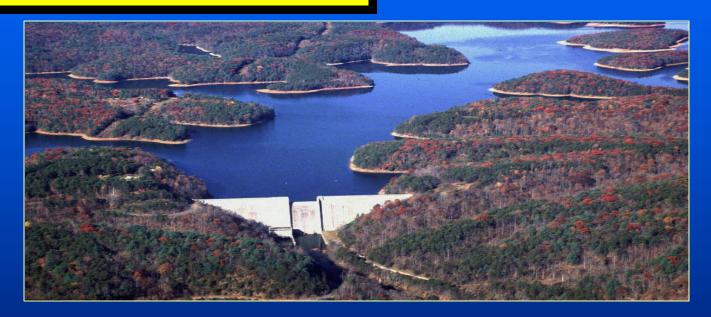
•Gather Additional Public Comment

Organizational Structure



Philpott 216 – Water Quality

- Downstream of Dam
- Within Reservoir



- Review Existing WQ Data
- Determine WQ Goals and Objectives
- Evaluate Applications of WQ Models
- Prepare SOW for Additional WQ Data If Needed
- Evaluate WQ Effects of Management Option Scenarios

Study Participant List

If you would like to be on the Philpott Study Participant List Please provide your name, address, telephone number, and e-mail to:

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